GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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IMPACT OF MID DAY MEAL SCHEME ON DROP-OUT RATE
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the drop-out rate has reduced after the Mid Day Meal Scheme was started;

(b) if so, the percentage by which it has been reduced during the last five years; and

(c) the manner in which it compares with the Pre-Mid-Day Meal period?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a), (b) & (c): As per the Evaluation Report of Operations Research Group, New Delhi, conducted in 10 States namely Assam, Gujarat, Haryana, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal to assess the efficiency and effectiveness of the National Programme for Nutritional Support to Primary Education (Mid Day Meals Scheme), there has been a reduction in drop out rates in respect of Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Orissa, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal upto class III during post-programme period (1995-96 to 1997-98) in comparison with pre-programme period (1992-93 to 1994-95).